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eet Sue Altschul (right)
— the newest member of my staff. As a Long Island Sales Rep, Sue worked the Marlboro Cup at Belmont Race Track and was featured in a 1981 issue of THE FORCE (below). Many of you probably remember talking with her on the P.O.S. Hotline — her most recent position in the NYO.

Sue will work with me and another very valuable member of my team, Marie Andreacchi.

Together we bring you not only THE FORCE, but also other communication/motivation programs like THE SUGGESTION EXPRESS and THE BIG APPLE EXPERIENCE. It's our group that gets you ink in the trade and local press when you receive a promotion!

Marie, Sue and I always look forward to hearing from people in the Field. After all, that's what keeps the communications going. Remember, you can call or write or FAX us anytime with your comments, questions, ideas, stories or photos. Call us collect at (212) 878-2061. The FAX number is (212) 880-3344.





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### **Teamwork**

### St. Louis Style

ast fall, St. Louis SSD Tony Johnson challenged his Supervisors and SOPM. "Come up with an alternative way," he said, "to move incentives and promotional product through the pipeline to our retail accounts." Supervisors Alisha Giancola, Jeff Smith, Sam Atkinson and SOPM James Petroski went to work.

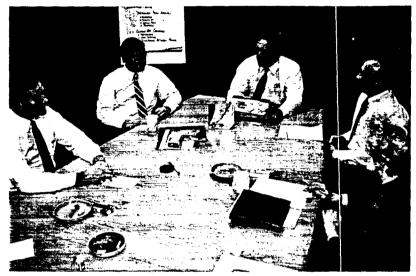
Alisha "brainstormed" the challenge with her AM's and DM's. They discussed their ideas with the entire Section, asked for input, and developed objectives, elements and timetables.

James started the analysis that was crucial to getting a program running. Combining software packages, he designed a worksheet to calculate incentive and promotional product needs for each distributor and Sales Rep.

Jeff, with help from DM Ann Hopper, went to work devising an annual promotional agreement to solicit retail response. They found most accounts willing to commit for a year.

Sam looked at organizing transshipments for distributors and chains.

"Teamwork pays off," says Tony. "Working together we came up with Section 33's Automatic Incentive Distribution



"How can we move promotions through the pipeline more efficiently?" SSD Tony Johnson (center) challenges SOPM James Petroski and SSS's Sam Atkinson, Jeff Smith and Alisha Giancola (clockwise).



SSS Alisha Giancola and her managers developed a program that's working well in Section 33. They are DM Jack Nelson, DM Bob Harris and AM Jon Shepherd (back, from left) and DM's Hank Meador, Bill Verdun, Tony D'Amico and AM Sandra Mallett (seated from left). Missing is AM Geri Pagano.

This program allows the Sales Force to use existing wholesaler distribution channels for shipments of PM promotional and incentive products. Alisha explains, "Many distributors now assemble and ship carton and pack promotions. Direct shipments to retail accounts are marked HOLD FOR PM SALES REP."

Now that materials go direct



Alisha, Jeff, Sam and James (from left) iron out details like agreements and transshipments.



SR Claudine Brooks finds the Automatic Distribution Program gives her time to concentrate on bigger priorities like making presentations or selling and placing permanent p.o.s.

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from Kearny, to the wholesaler, to the retailer, Sales Reps no longer have to make multiple trips to p.o.s. facilities. Once in a store, they simply place the pre-assembled promotions on the display and can focus on bigger priorities. Sales Rep productivity is way up," agree Jeff and Sam. "It helps keep the 'Sales' in Sales Rep."

Are there other positive results? "You bet," says James. "The program lets us make better use of Plans C and CP. In supermarkets especially, promotional penetration improves."

"We've created a real partnership between PM and distributors," says Alisha enthusiastically. The mutual benefits include increased unit sales and profit, customer satisfaction and competitive advantage. The program almost sells itself. It lets PM take advantage of Masters Value Added Distribution requirements to assemble and deliver promotions.

Section 33 met the challenge so successfully that Tony and Alisha presented their plan at Headquarters. The response was more than enthusiastic. New York took the essence of the St. Louis program, added uniform payment schedules and designed displays which double as shipping containers.

Look for this streamlined process in your part of the country during the second half of the year.



SR's like Chris Conway (right) act as liaisons between participating distributors and PM. Chris works with Larry Rudolph (left) of Dolgin Candy and Tobacco to demonstrate assembly, verify deliveries and handle any situations that develop on site.

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### Section 32 Makes A Bid

o most of us in the USA, Louisiana conjures up Bourbon Street. Mardi Gras. Revelry. Sports spectaculars. Jazz.

At PM USA, add auctions. Section 32 bids out their allocations for promotional programs. They hold auctions at planning meetings every four to six weeks with all levels of management involved in targeting key accounts.

### Baton Rouge Will Take . . .

Displays are "bid out" on a priority basis. Accounts in different trade classes and at different volume levels have a fair opportunity to receive promotions. Working from a highly customized list of chain stores within each Division, SAM managed chains bid in the first round, followed by AM and Division chains, key independents and other accounts. The procedure is well received by all levels, especially Reps who say it puts them in a better position to manage their time.

Like its sister Sections, Section 32 receives a large number of promotional programs every month. They stand out for their unique approach.

### Let's Look Into It

SSD Ward Cashion initially got the idea to use spreadsheets to streamline the allocation process. He looked into it further with SSSS Mark Anton, who assists Region 3 to utilize sophisticated computer tools. "Mark absorbed the logistics like a sponge," says Ward. "Together, we worked with Section to tailor software to fit our needs and fine tune the program."

### The Mac Attack

A key element in the process is utilizing Microsoft Excel software on the Macintosh. Once the bids are accepted, they're entered into the computer, which designates where incentives and displays should be sent — broken down by territory. Next, the related shipping and allocation lists are printed and distributed. The resulting program trims a process that would normally consume hours to a 30-minute exercise for each promotion. That's it. Your orders are in!

The three Section Supervisors are all familiar with the system and rotate the job of entering the

At a Section 32 planning meeting:

program and ordering for the entire Section.

### Sold!

"Bidding" exemplifies how planning can achieve results. It's also a good example of a process which has evolved with our changing business needs.

And Section 32 is "sold" on advanced copies of elements memos. They have more lead time to pre-sell, slot and book promotions. "The quicker elements memo," says Section 32 SOPM David Gentry, "enables us to 'pre-guesstimate' even sooner, especially for chains, which try to book as far in advance as they can. We enter our bidding process with ever more certainty. Our people know their accounts very well, and faster information keeps us on target."



Baton Rouge will take . . .



Back Row: SSS Jack Bowell, SSS Curley Marcotte, SSD Ward Cashion, SOPM David Gentry and SSS John Blanton (from left). Front Row: Rich Hufford and DM David Stozzle. Rich now brings his Field experience to the NYO as a Senior Analyst in Sales Information Services.